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SUMMARY: A RISE IN MR IV CASUALTIES AND REPORTED INCIDENTS REFLECTED INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY IN VINH LONG, DINH TUONG, AND KIEN TUTNG. ANOTHER PHNOM-PENH BOUND RELIEF CONVOY CLEARED VIETNAMESE WATERS WITHOUT INCIDENT JULY 18. THE CANADIANS PREPARE TO DEPART ICCS REGION VII AND THE INDONESIANS AWAIT A NEW CHIEF OF DELEGATION. THE GVN AND PRG CONTINUE THEIR IMPASSE OVER DESIGNATED PRG PICK-UP SITES IN THE DELTA. END SUMMARY.

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1. SECURITY SITUATION: (A) FIGHTING AND CASUALTIES INCREASED

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IN THE DELTA DURING THE FIFTH WEEK OF CEASEFIRE II. MR IV
REPORTED A DAILY AVERAGE OF 27 ALLEGED VC/NVA CEASEFIRE
VIOLATIONS DURING THE PERIOD JULY 15-20. AN AVERAGE OF 18
RVNAF AND 70 VC/NVA DIED IN ACTION EACH DAY. DURING THE
PREVIOUS WEEK MR IV REPORTED A DAILY AVERAGE OF 20 INCIDENTS,
WITH TEN GVN AND 35 VC/NVA DEAD. THE INCREASED MILITARY
ACTIVITY LAST WEEK CENTERED LARGELY IN VINH LONG AND DINH
TUONG, WHERE RVNAF UNITS HAVE INTENSIFIED SECURITY OPERATIONS,
AND IN BASE AREA 470 OF DINH TUONG AND KIEN TUONG. GVN FORCES
WHICH PENETRATED THE LATTER AREA IN JUNE RECENTLY HAVE ENCOUNTERED
STIFFENED VC RESISTANCE.
(B) 27 REPORTED INCIDENTS JULY 20 TOOK A HEAVY TOLL OF CASUALTIES
IN MR IV. RVNAF LOST 24 KILLED, 117 WOUNDED AND ONE MISSING.
THE VC/NVA SUFFERED 115 KILLED AND TWO CAPTURED. THE HEAVIEST
ACTION TOOK PLACE IN CHUONG THIEN, DINH TUONG, AND CHAU DOC. IN
ONE LARGE ENCOUNTER IN SOUTHERN CAI LAY DISTRICT, DINH TUONG,
THE 3RD BATTALION OF THE 7TH ARVN DIVISION'S 10TH REGIMENT
CONTACTED AN UNKNOWN VC UNIT ABOUT NOON JULY 20 WHILE ON A
SECURITY OPERATION. DURING THE ENSUING FIGHT, THE ARVN CLAIMED
35 VC KILLED, WHILE ADMITTING TO 10 OF THEIR OWN KILLED, 30
WOUNDED, AND ONE MISSING. THE BATTLE TOOK PLACE IN THE VC DONG
THAP I REGIMENT'S AREA OF OPERATION.
(C) A RIVERINE RELIEF CONVOY PASSED THE CAMBODIAN FRONTIER
WITHOUT INCIDENT EN ROUTE TO PHNOM-PENH AT 1000 HOURS JULY 18.
THE CONVOY COMPRISED TWO COMMERCIAL CARGO VESSELS, TWO TANKERS,
THREE TUGS, AND THREE BARGES.

2. ICCS: THE REGION VII ICCS CANADIAN DELEGATION, SCHEDULED TO
DEPART VIETNAM AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK, SUSPENDED PARTICIPATION
IN INVESTIGATIONS JULY 19. ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF, THEY
ARE ALL PACKED AND READY TO GO HOME. AMONG THE INDONESIANS,
THE CHIEF QUESTION REMAINS: WHO WILL REPLACE THE CANADIANS

AS THE FOURTH MEMBER OF THE ICCS? DESPITE THEIR OUTWARD
CONFIDENCE, THE INDONESIANS STILL APPEIR RELUCTANT TO FACE
ALONE THE HARD-LINING HUNGARIANS AND
POLES. THIS ENCOUNTER,
OF COURSE, WILL FALL LARGELY TO THE NEW INDONESIAN
DELEGATION WHICH WILL REPLACE THE
INCUMBENT MEMBERS SCHEDULED
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FOR ROTATION HOME EARLY NEXT MONTH. THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE
REGION VII INDONESIAN GROUP TOLD A VICE CONSUL JULY 21 THAT THEY
EXPECT A NEW CHIEF TO AGXYRAZN CAN THO JULY 24, ALLOWING SEVERAL
DAYS OF CONSULTATION WITH THE OUTGOING CHIEF, COL S.I. SANTOSA.

3.
JMC: THE PRG AND GVN CONTINUED THEIR SHADOW-BOXING
OVER THE ISSUE OF PICK-UP SITES FOR PRG LIAISON TEAMS IN THE DELTA.

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WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRG RECENTLY SUGGESTED SITES IN THE U MINH FOREST WHICH THE GVN IS DISINCLINED TO ADMIT ARE UNDER VC/NVA CONTROL (CAN THO 0586). MR IV COMMANDER MGEN NGUYEN VINH NGHI COUNTERED WITH THE SUGGESTION OF ANOTHER U MINH SITE, LARGELY UNDERWATER. NGHI ALSO PROPOSED A SIMILARLY INUNDATED PLACE IN
KIEN TUONG AS THE DESIGNATED PICK-UP SPOT FOR THE PRG IN REGION VI. BOTH SIDES APPEAR MORE INTEHESTED IN SCORING POLITICAL POINTS THAN IN PERMITTING PRG DEPLOYMENT SO THE ICCS CAN GET DOWN TO THE WORK OF SUPERVISING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS ACCORDS. WE

BELIEVE THAT PRG DEPLOYMENT AND A SUCCESSFUL ICCS REMAIN EVENTS IN THE DISTANT FUTURE.
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